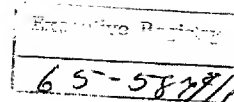


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7 October 1965

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Admiral Raborn

SUBJECT: Ad Hoc Imagery Interpretation
Review Group

1. Attached are a letter from the Secretary of Defense transmitting copy of agreed Terms of Reference for the Ad Hoc Review Group (Tab A); a proposed response to the Secretary of Defense (Tab B); and a proposed letter to Mr. Schultze, also for your signature, giving status of action on this subject (Tab C).

2. The sequence of actions which have transpired to date on this project are:

a. John Bross met with Cy Vance and obtained agreement that Joe Carroll and I would be respectively representatives of the Secretary of Defense and the DCI for the conduct of the study.

b. John Bross and I met and held discussions with General Carroll, General Maples and Mr. John Hughes of DIA, at which the intent of the BOB letter, its implications and the best approach to obtain the maximum benefits from such a survey were considered. I tabled an initial draft of a proposed Terms of Reference which subsequent to the meeting was worked on in some detail by representatives of DIA and, after interchanges, including coordination within CIA, the agreed Terms of Reference in this package resulted.

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c. In the intervening period the working team has been designated with CIA represented by Mr. Chapin, DDI (chief of team), [redacted] NPIC, and Mr. [redacted] DDS&T; and DIA by [redacted] and [redacted]. There is an additional team within DIA for the internal survey effort.

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d. The above-listed representatives met in my office on Tuesday, 5 October 1965, to go over a draft of a proposed data collection format which would, insofar as possible, include the details necessary to make a comprehensive assessment of all major facilities. The format is being further amplified and there will be a meeting on Tuesday, 12 October 1965, for its finalization.

e. At this working meeting it was agreed that it is necessary to set up a sub-panel to survey the problem of coordination of research and development of imagery interpretation equipment. [redacted] is to be my representative on this panel. DIA has not yet designated its representative. DIA has also been engrossed in the preparation of directives to the Service Chiefs and JCS for the signature of the Secretary of Defense so that General Carroll will have full access to facilities which are not now under his direct control. These directives were signed by the Secretary of Defense coincident with his approval of the Terms of Reference.

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3. I recommend that you sign the proposed letter to Mr. Schultze and the proposed response to the Secretary of Defense.

SIGNED

[redacted]

Major General, USAF
A/D/DCI/NIPE

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Attachments a/s

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

8 OCT 1965

Honorable William F. Raborn, Jr.
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C.

Dear Red:

I have reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Ad Hoc Imagery Interpretation Review Group which were jointly prepared and agreed upon by our Senior Representatives, Lt. General Carroll and [REDACTED]. Two copies are attached for signature; one is to be retained by you and the other returned to me.

Viewed in the context of the Director, Bureau of the Budget's proposal, addressed to each of us in his letter of 9 September 1965, the Terms of Reference seem to provide an appropriate approach.

I have approved the Terms of Reference, as submitted, and am forwarding them to you for your consideration and approval in the hope that this study will contribute to the maximum effective utilization and development of these resources in satisfying short and long-term U.S. intelligence needs.

Sincerely,

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Terms of Reference for Ad Hoc
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Honorable William F. Raborn
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Red:

During our meeting on the FY 1967 preview I suggested the need for CIA and the Defense Department to study their photographic interpretation facilities. You indicated that your agency was willing to participate in such a study. I have also discussed this problem with Secretary McNamara and he has indicated that the Defense Department will participate. I am writing to recap the problem as the Bureau sees it and to ask that the study be launched promptly. It would be particularly helpful if the study could be completed before the final decisions are made on the FY 1967 budget.

During the past five years there has been a proliferation of photographic interpretation facilities in the Defense Department and a substantial increase in photo interpretation capability in both the Department and CIA. These actions have reflected in part, the growth of our photographic take and its growing importance as a source of intelligence. We are now facing a four-year period which will bring major further increases in both the volume and quality of the photography we collect. Before we provide additional resources to meet these increases, I believe we should study our existing assets and future requirements to insure that they will be utilized to the maximum.

Accordingly, I request that the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency study the major photographic interpretation facilities in both agencies. The study might well be divided into an internal review of facilities serving only service or agency needs, leading to a joint review of the several facilities which entirely or partially serve national needs. I suggest that this study should, as a minimum:

- Inventory existing photographic interpretation capabilities and workload.
- Identify any existing overlap or duplication among the facilities.
- Evaluate future requirements for facilities and equipment.

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- Develop a plan for tasking of facilities to meet national and agency needs on a nonduplicatory basis.
- Insure the full coordination of research and development programs directed toward improving or automating imagery interpretation.

If you agree that the study should proceed as I have outlined it, I would appreciate it if Bureau staff would be kept informed of the study plan and timetable, and advised of progress periodically.

Sincerely,

(signed) Charlie

Charles L. Schultze
Director

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REMARKS:		
<p>Please prepare an appropriate reply and initiate action. As you know, the Director is anxious to move forward on this study. Please note that the Director, BOB has requested that it would be particularly helpful if the study could be completed before the final decisions are made on the FY 1967 budget. For our purposes this means about 1 December 1965.</p> <p>Also please note that Mr. Schultze requests that the Bureau staff be kept</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(OVER)</p>		
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